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In re Application of

Herman Oppermann et al.

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: PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is in response to applicants' petition filed June 17, 2003, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P 708.01(H). The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

This application satisfies the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.01(H) in that it the subject matter has been pending in this and its parent application for more than 5 years. Therefor the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile transmission to the Office general facsimile number.

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